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January ¹²~~8~~, 2006

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Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

SUBJECT: SBCAG 2004 FTIP Amendment # 16

Dear Mr. Bagde:

This letter contains the staff report, signed resolution, and CTIPS printouts for SBCAG 2004 FTIP Amendment # 16, which was approved by the SBCAG Board on October 20, 2005. The 2004 FTIP remains financially constrained and no change is required in the financial plan for the FTIP.

In addition to email copies, you will be receiving the hard copies within the next few days. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact me at (805) 961-8912 or by email at khodin@sbacag.org.

With the many programming changes the CFPG has been discussing and others triggered by legislative amendments, you and many others were certainly working throughout the holiday season to pull the FHWA/FTA/Caltrans FTIP/FSTIP workshop together for the MPOs and RTPAs. We thank you for your efforts, and look forward to joining you on January 10th and 11th!

Very truly yours,

Karin L. Hodin, AICP
Capital Programming & Planning

Enclosures

Cc: Grace Balmir – FHWA
Donna Turchie – FTA
Nancy Wickersham – Caltrans, District 5 FTIP Coordinator
Darleen Panico – Caltrans, District 5 Local Assistance

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STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 16

MEETING DATE: October 20, 2005

AGENDA ITEM: 7F

STAFF CONTACT: Karin Hodin

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving amendment No. 16 to the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to add \$ 448,000 in § 5310 Federal Transit Funds to enable Easy Lift to purchase eight replacement buses.

SUMMARY:

Easy Lift Transportation, a local non-profit agency that provides paratransit services for elderly and mobility impaired individuals in the South Coast area, recently received approval by the California Transportation Commission for a federal grant to purchase eight replacement buses. The recommended Amendment No. 16 adds this new project to the FTIP by programming \$448,000 in Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 program funds and local matching funds. The project must be included in the FTIP before Easy Lift can access these grant funds.

DISCUSSION:

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Santa Barbara County, SBCAG is responsible for preparing and adopting the Federal Transportation Improvement Program. The FTIP identifies all federally funded highway, transit and other surface transportation projects in the county, along with their federal funding sources, that are scheduled for implementation in the next three years. The FTIP serves as the sole reference document that the federal government and the public can review to understand where, when and how federal transportation funds are being spent in Santa Barbara County, including those that SBCAG does and does not have programming discretion over.

The FTIP requires periodic amending following its biennial adoption to reflect program changes such as project additions, deletions, scope revisions and securing of added federal funds by SBCAG and other county agencies. The federal government requires that significant changes to the cost, scope or schedule of a project be approved through a formal amendment to the FTIP voted on by the SBCAG Board. Amendment #16 would add Easy Lift's funding of \$448,000 in § 5310 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) capital grant program funds (including a 20% local match) for FY05-06 to the FTIP.

FTA Section 5310 program provides funding for purchasing transit vehicles and other capital projects used for transit services for the elderly and persons with disabilities. Earlier this year,

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Caltrans and SBCAG distributed informational materials and applications to 36 Santa Barbara County agencies, North County and South Coast social service agencies (via the North County and South Coast Transit Advisory Committees), and placed notices of the opportunity on the SBCAG website. SBCAG scored the sole Section 5310 application from Easy Lift, and forwarded its Adopted Regional Priority List and the agency's § 5310 Certification, Assurances and resolution affirming 5310 project consistency to Caltrans, for California Transportation Commission review and technical appeal, in May 2005.

Easy Lift, a non-profit organization established in 1979, provides services to the elderly frail and persons with disabilities and provides the Americans with Disabilities Act (AD) complementary paratransit service for the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD). Easy Lift requested \$448,000 for the purchase of 8 medium sized, Type II buses to maintain program service through a vehicle replacement program, based upon vehicle age and mileage.

The CTC held a public hearing to discuss the final statewide-prioritized list and overall program policy, and adopted the list as the 2005-06 annual Elderly and Disabled Transit Program on September 29, 2005. Projects are then funded in priority order until all available funds are allocated to projects. The funds Easy Lift has been awarded are programmed for FY05-06, as shown below.

EXHIBIT A

MPO ID # EL1

2004 FTIP Project - § 5310 FTA Capital Funds for Bus Purchases

Project Description - § 5310 FTA capital grant program funds for FY 05-06 to enable Easy Lift to purchase eight replacement buses.

Agency	Project	Phase				Source of Funds		Total Project Cost
			2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	FTA §5310	Applicant	
Easy Lift	Buy 8 replacement buses	PE						
		RW						
		CON		\$448.0		\$358.4	\$89.6	\$448.0
		Total		\$448.0		\$358.4	\$89.6	\$448.0

COMMITTEE REVIEW: None

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

APPROVING THE 2004 FEDERAL)
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT)
PROGRAM (AMENDMENT 16))

RESOLUTION NO. 05-41

WHEREAS, Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, part 450, and Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, part 613, require the preparation and updating of a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) by the Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, SBCAG, through the conduct of a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated transportation planning process with applicable federal requirements, has prepared a 2004 FTIP; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP has been prepared in cooperation with state and local government agencies including Caltrans, local transit operators; and the Air Pollution Control District; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan adopted pursuant to Government Code Section 6508; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP projects have been developed from the 2001 RTP and 2003 Congestion Management Program (CMP); and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP includes only air quality conformity exempt and non-exempt projects; and

WHEREAS, draft copies of the 2004 FTIP and Air Quality Conformity Status were made available and members of the public were given a reasonable opportunity to review the draft

2004 FTIP and a public hearing was held to present the recommended 2004 FTIP and take testimony from the public; and

WHEREAS, all projects proposed for federal funding or approval under Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations and the Federal Transit Act must be included in a transportation improvement program; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP must conform with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) as required by the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP is financially constrained and funds needed to complete the 2004 FTIP are reasonably expected to be available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors amends the 2004 FTIP to include the changes identified in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors finds that the 2004 FTIP is consistent with, and one and the same as, the 2004 MTP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors finds that development of the 2004 FTIP is made in accordance with public involvement procedures originally adopted by SBCAG on November 10, 1994 and updated on March 24, 2002; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the adoption of the 2004 FTIP constitutes the Intergovernmental Review Procedures for those projects listed in the Biennial Element. The 2004 FTIP approval does not constitute project level design or environmental approval which is conducted separately according to state and federal regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the inclusion of any federally-funded projects in the 2004 FTIP, including all amendments, constitutes the federal-project selection procedures for Santa Barbara County, and any projects programmed in the FTIP may proceed to implementation without further project selection action by SBCAG.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SBCAG's approval of the 2004 FTIP including all amendments also constitutes the federal transit "designated recipient" approval of all grant applications filed by the transit operators that are consistent with the FTIP project programming.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that minor modifications as specified in the 2004 FTIP will be handled as administrative amendments that may be approved at the discretion of the SBCAG Executive Director and that all other amendments require formal approval of the SBCAG Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SBCAG has executed a Comprehensive Transportation Planning Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Caltrans excluding rehabilitation and safety projects from the FTIP as provided in said MOU.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2004 FTIP is the applicable FTIP for Santa Barbara County and supersedes all preceding FTIPs and their amendments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors certifies that the urban transportation planning process is being carried on with applicable federal requirements as described in the "Statewide Planning; Metropolitan Planning; Rule" dated October 28, 1993.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of October 2005 by the following vote:

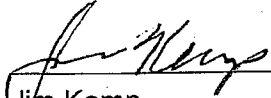
AYES: Supervisors Carbajal, Centeno, Gray, Rose; Mayors Alvarez, Hicks, DeWees; Councilmembers Baca, Jordan, Mariscal, Secord, Wallis.

NOES: None.

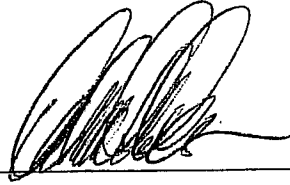
ABSENT: Supervisor Firestone.

ABSTAIN: None.

ATTEST:

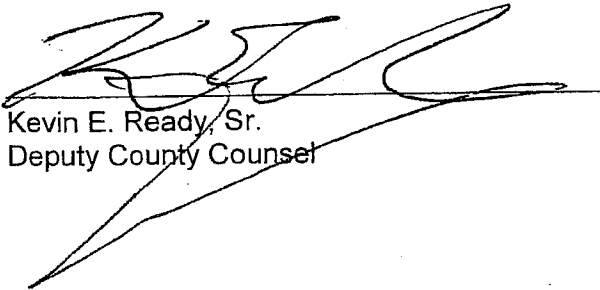


Jim Kemp
Executive Director
Santa Barbara County
Association of Governments



Dick DeWees
Chair
Santa Barbara County
Association of Governments

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kevin E. Ready, Sr.
Deputy County Counsel

(Dollars in Thousands)

Transit System

DIST: 05	COUNTY: Santa Barbara County	TITLE (DESCRIPTION):	MPO Aprv: / /
ROUTE:	PM:	\$448 New 5310 FTA+Local \$= 8 Rep'l Buses (Program \$358.4k in Sec 5310 Capital Funds w/ \$89.6 Local Match, to total \$448k for Easy Lift's purchase of 8 (eight) replacement buses in FY 2005/06.)	State Aprv: / /
PPNO:	KP:		Federal Aprv: / /
EA:	MPO ID: EL1		
CTIPS ID: 208-0000-0199			
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Easy Lift	PRJ MGR:	EPA TABLE II or III EXEMPT CATEGORY:	Purchase new buses and rail cars to replace exist.
	PHONE:		
PROJECT VERSION HISTORY (Printed Version is Shaded)			
Version Status	Official Date	Amend No.	Dollars in Thousands - Total For Project
		Prog Con	Prog RW
			PE
• Fund Source 1 of 2	PRIOR	04/05	05/06
			06/07
			07/08
			08/09
			09/10
			BEYOND
			TOTAL
• Fund Type: FTA 5310 Elderly & Disabilities			358
• Funding Agency: Easy Lift			358
• Fund Source 2 of 2	PRIOR	04/05	05/06
			06/07
			07/08
			08/09
			09/10
			BEYOND
			TOTAL
• Fund Type: Local Transportation Funds			90
• Funding Agency: Easy Lift			90
Project Total	PRIOR	04/05	05/06
			06/07
			07/08
			08/09
			09/10
			BEYOND
			TOTAL
			448
			448

Comments:
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